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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FARLE.

WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED

ITEM NO: WH-3

DATE: 12 JUNE 1974

SUBJECT: ARGENTINA--PERON'S THREAT TO RESIGN AND CABINET RESIGNATIONS

REF : FOIS BUENOS AIRES PARIS APP IN SPANISH, 12 JUN 74, ENCLAVE

PRESIDENT PERON TODAY THREATENED TO RESIGN IF GROUPS WITHIN THE PERONIST MOVEMENT CONTINUE TO OPPOSE HIS POLICIES. FOLLOWING HIS NATIONALLY BROADCAST SPEECH PERONIST TRADE UNIONS AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS IMMEDIATELY ORDERED THEIR MEMBERS TO STOP WORK AND ASSEMBLE IN FRONT OF THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR A MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF PERON. ACCORDING TO THE APP, THE ENTIRE CABINET HAS RESIGNED TO GIVE PERON A FREE HAND TO REORGANIZE HIS GOVERNMENT.

PERON HAS PREVIOUSLY INTIMATED THAT HE MIGHT RESIGN IN MOMENT OF FRUSTRATION OVER THE POLITICAL IN-FIGHTING AND SERIOUS SPLITS WITHIN HIS MOVEMENT. THE FACT THAT PERONIST SUPPORTERS WERE ORDERED INTO THE STREETS RIGHT AFTER HIS DRAMATIC PLEA SUGGESTS CAREFUL ORCHESTRATION WHICH COULD SERVE AS A PRELUDE TO STEEPER MEASURES

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AGAINST THE PERONIST LEFT-WING AND OTHER TROUBLEMAKERS.

RUMORS OF CABINET CHANGES HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING FOR SOME TIME AND SEVERAL MINISTERS, INCLUDING THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, HAVE LOST INFLUENCE WITH PERON. IT IS UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT THE ENTIRE CABINET WALKED OUT. AFP IS NOT A RELIABLE SOURCE, AND IF THE CABINET DID RESIGN EN MASSE, IT IS MOST LIKELY A PROCEDURAL MOVE TO ALLOW PERON TO MAKE SOME NEW APPOINTMENTS. E-2 IMPDET..

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